

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 30 West House Building, State Capitol Complex

February 10, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair
Rep. Edward H. Redd, House Vice Chair
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Alvin B. Jackson
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Earl D. Tanner
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Robert Spendlove
Rep. Raymond Ward

Members Absent: Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Luz Escamilla

Staff Present: Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Stephen C. Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Chandler Young, Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

3. Public Input from on Topics on Today's Agenda

Spoke to Babywatch Early Intervention: Ms. Janet Wade; Ms. Victoria Wilkins; Ms. Nicole Brown; Ms. Jackie Warren; Ms. Mary Knowles; Dr. George H. Durham, retired pediatric doctor; Mr. Nate Shipp.

Mr. Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Analyst Disability Law Center read letter from the Disability Law Center regarding Medicaid and dental services for kids with emotional disturbances.

Spoke to Medicaid Complexed Child Waiver: Ms. Melanie Lutz; Ms. Megan Black; Ms. Emilee Wagner; Ms. Jessica Kennedy; Ms. Becca Morales; Ms. Jessica Farr.

Dr. Newell Shank with Intermountain Healthcare spoke to drug overdose prevention.

4. Building Block Requests related to the Department of Health
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001331.pdf>

- a) **Staff and Supplies at the Office of Medical Examiner**, Dr. Todd Grey, Chief Medical Examiner, and Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director with the Department of Health, explained item #7 from the [cherry sheet](#), and “UDOH Building Block Request” document.

Rep. Ray asked whether one-time funding or ongoing would be preferred. Dr. Grey replied that a one-time fund for this year would work, but would like ongoing funding in the future.

Rep. Ray asked what the funding will due to the turnaround time of death certificates. Dr. Grey responded that it would lower it to be around 6 weeks turnaround time.

- b) **Drug Overdose Prevention Initiatives**, Mr. Brenton, General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs with the Utah Medical Association, and from the Department of Health - Dr. Rolfs, Deputy Director, and Dr. Miner explained “UDOH Building Block Request” document and item #10 from the [cherry sheet](#).

Rep. Ray asked about the shelf life of Naloxone. Dr. Miner replied that the shelf life is about 2 years.

Rep. Ray asked about the side effects of Naloxone. Dr. Miner replied that there are none besides the ones coming from the initial opioid high.

Sen. Weiler asked regarding the increase of deaths on opioids. Dr. Miner replied that it is a combination of many items but many are taking medication and realizing they can get heroin cheaper, leading to a heroin problem.

Rep. Ward asked if they think there would be benefits if doctors prescribed less opioids overall, and if they think this will help solve the problem, is the Medical Association doing anything to move in that direction. Mr. Brenton replied with a qualified yes to the first and a yes to the second. Rep. Ward expressed concern that there are many more addicts than there are deaths and solving the death problems are not the end.

Sen. Shiozawa spoke on the issue of the opioid problem.

Rep. Redd asked about patient satisfaction regarding the amount of opioids given out. Dr. Miner replied that they are working to educate patients more so they understand why the doctors are not giving out as much.

- c) **Increase Caseload for Medically Complex Children's Waiver**, Mr. Checketts, Deputy Director with the Department of Health, explained item #24 from the [cherry sheet](#) and “UDOH Building Block Request.”
- d) **Continue Medicaid Rate Enhancement for Physicians**, Mr. Checketts, spoke to item #17 from the [cherry sheet](#) and “UDOH Building Block Request” document.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification about the CHIP federal fund going forward. Mr. Checketts answered about the funds that congress can improve and that CHIP has only been authorized for 10 year periods.

Rep. Tanner asked about the 100% Medicaid Physician funding and how the physicians feel about it. Mr. Checketts replied that there has not been any feedback heard. Rep. Ward also answered Rep. Tanner question and why doctors do not want to see Medicaid patients. Rep. Tanner mentioned ways to get more doctors to become providers and benefits to offer them.

- e) **Restore Adult Dental Medicaid Services to Disabled Individuals**, Mr. Checketts and Rep. Eliason, spoke to item #25 from the [cherry sheet](#) and “UDOH Building Block Request” document.

Rep. Ward asked for a breakdown of those being helped. Mr. Checketts broke down the amount to each group of individuals being helped.

- f) **Abstinence and Personal Responsibility Education for Teens and Health Screenings for Incarcerated Women**, Dr. Miner explained item #20 from the [cherry sheet](#) and “UDOH Building Block Request” document.
- g) **Babywatch Early Intervention Caseload Evaluation**, Dr. Miner explained “UDOH Building Block Request” document.

Sen. Shiozawa expressed concern to help ongoing programs address the caseload.

- h) **Home Visiting Program and State Laboratory Drug Testing Account**, Dr. Robert

Rolfs explained 6T and 6K from the [motions sheet](#).

- i) **Medicaid Caseload, Inflation and Program Changes**, Mr. Checketts explained 6W from the [motions sheet](#).

6. Request for Appropriation (Iwamoto) - Primary Children's Trauma Network

Sen. Iwamoto and Mr. Stephen Fenton, Trauma Medical Director Primary Children's Hospital, spoke to item #65 from the [cherry sheet](#) and "Utah Pediatric Trauma Network" document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001336.pdf>

10. Request for Appropriation (McKell) - Opiate Overdose Pilot Program (HB0192)

Rep. McKell and Dr. Jennifer Plumb, explained item #43 from the [cherry sheet](#), [H.B. 192](#), and "Prescription Drug Deaths" PowerPoint regarding diagnosing the problem and prescribing solutions.

7. Request for Appropriation (Froerer) - Organ Donation Awareness Outreach

Rep. Froerer and Mr. Alex McDonald, Public Educations and Relations for Intermountain Donor Services, spoke to item #54 from the [cherry sheet](#), "Request for Appropriation (RFA) for Organ Donation Awareness Outreach" <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001339.pdf>, and "Intermountain Donor Services 2014 Annual Report" booklet.

Rep. Ray asked about the Organ Donation Contribution Fund. Rep. Froerer replied that would be a place to draw money from.

Ms. Gerri Osman, a donor mother told a personal story about her son.

Sen. Christensen asked about the donation process. Mr. McDonald replied how they contact family after someone's death.

8. Request for Appropriation (Thurston) - Hemp Extract Evaluation

Rep. Thurston, spoke to item #60 from the [cherry sheet](#).

9. Request for Appropriation (Shiozawa) - Parkinson's Registry

Sen. Shiozawa, Dr. Stefan Pulst, Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology U of U, and Ms. Meg Holbrook, spoke to item #50 from the [cherry sheet](#) and "Parkinson Disease" document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001392.pdf>

Rep. Redd asked about the funding and whether they have approached any other industries. Dr. Pulst replied that they have not approached but look to do so in the future.

Rep. Chavez-Houck, asked whether they are documenting families that have recurring Parkinson's in them. Dr. Pulst replies that they are not documenting but do have alternatives to look at individual families through medication prescribed.

11. Request for Appropriation (Ray) – Radon Education

Mr. Michael Silver, Executive Director Utah Radon Coalition, Mr. William Applegarth, Mayor Riverton City, spoke to item #44 from the [cherry sheet](#) and "The Utah Radon Coalition" document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001333.pdf>

Rep. Ray relinquished the chair to Rep. Redd.

12. Request for Appropriation (Christensen) – Donated Dental Services, Inc.

Sen. Christensen and Dr. Larry Coffee, DDS Founder and CEO of Dental Lifeline Network, spoke to item #6 from the [cherry sheet](#) and "Donated Dental Services" document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001343.pdf>

Rep. Redd, asked about the referral and outreach process that goes in search for donors. Dr. Coffee explained the outreach efforts that they have in place.

13. Quarterly Status Reports on Replacement of Medicaid Management Information System

Mr. Frandsen explained 7A from the [motions sheet](#).

14. FY 2016 and FY 2017 Budget Discussions, Prioritizing, and Voting

Mr. Frandsen explained 11A, 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, and 10E from the [motions sheet](#).

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we approve 7A, 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, 10E, and 11A from the [motions sheet](#). The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jackson and Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that the Subcommittee remove from any future priority list the budget building block associated with item #25 entitled "Medicaid Dental Services to Adults With Disabilities". The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jackson and Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hollins moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Redd adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair

Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair